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Chapter 7			
Document:	Select:	Notes:	
Voluntary Petition	Bankruptcy > Open BK Case	 If incomplete filing enter "y" at deficiencies Role Type: First party entered is "Debtor," second party entered is "Joint Debtor." Add any alias to each party Asset notice designation: n (no) When prompted for a receipt number enter "o" and mail payment to the Court. 	
Upload Creditors Note: Creditors must be uploaded the same day the case is filed and before running the Judge/Trustee Assign.	Bankruptcy > Creditor Maintenance > Upload Creditors	Creditor Matrix must be in .txt format	
Run Judge/Trustee Assignment	Bankruptcy> Judge/ Trustee Assignment	 Will fail if creditors are not uploaded Note any error messages 	
Schedules and Statement of Affairs	Bankruptcy > Misc/Other> select appropriate documents such as Schedules A-J; Statement of Affairs; Statement of Intent	 To select multiply events, hold down the <i>Ctrl</i> key and click on the events (remember to select all documents that you selected as deficient when case was opened). Satisfies deadline(s) Use Schedules A-J when filing all schedules 	
Amendments to Schedules	Bankruptcy > Misc/Other > Amended Schedules	 Enter which schedule you are amending when prompted, <i>e.g.</i>, "C" When prompted for a receipt number enter "o" and mail payment to the Court if adding creditors to Schedules D,E and/or F. If no fee required delete the filing fee amount 	

Reaffirmation Agreement	Bankruptcy > Misc /Other> Reaffirmation Agreement	•	Select the party that you represent as the party filer Enter creditor's name in text box
Notice of Appearance and Request for Notice (filed by an attorney representing a party)	Bankruptcy > Miscellaneous > Notice of Appearance and Request for Notice	•	Select party from list or Add/Create New Party



Chapter 11			
Document:	Select:	Notes:	
Voluntary Petition	Bankruptcy > Open BK Case	 If incomplete filing enter "y" at deficiencies Role type: First party entered is "Debtor," second party entered is "Joint Debtor." Add any alias to each party Assets notice designation: Choose y (yes) If prompted for a receipt number enter "o" and mail payment to the court. 	
Upload Creditors Note: Creditors must be uploaded the same day the case is filed.	Bankruptcy > Creditor Maintenance > Upload Creditors	Creditor Matrix must be in .txt format	
Operating Report	Bankruptcy > Miscellaneous > Operating Report	• Enter filing period, <i>e.g.</i> , "October 2003" or "period ending October 31, 2003"	
Application to Employ Attorney for Debtor	Bankruptcy > Motions/Applications > Employ	 Select Debtor as filer Enter name of person to be employed when prompted, <i>e.g.</i>, "Bill Jones" Enter type of position when prompted, e.g., "Attorney for Debtor" 	
Affidavit Re: Application to Employ	Bankruptcy > Filed by Atty (Misc)	Refer to Application (found in motion category)	

Application for Compensation by Attorney for Debtor	Bankruptcy > Motions/Applications > Compensation	•	Check Attorney for Debtor as filer Enter type as Debtor's Attorney Enter dates from when, to when Enter fees requested and expenses requested, <i>e.g.</i> , "2000.00" and "125.00" Skip other applicants if present on screen
Disclosure Statement	Bankruptcy > Plan > Disclosure Statement	•	Must be served on all creditors and parties of interest with Notice of Disclosure Statement
Notice of Disclosure Statement	Bankruptcy > Notice of Disclosure Statement	•	Refer to Disclosure Statement
Plan	Bankruptcy > Plan > Chapter 11 Plan	FI	
Amended Disclosure Statement	Bankruptcy > Plan > Amended Disclosure Statement	•	Refer to Disclosure Statement
Amended Plan	Bankruptcy > Plan > Amended Chapter 11 Plan	•	Refer to Plan
Notice of Disclosure Statement	Bankruptcy> Notices> Notice of Disclosure Statement	•	Refer to Disclosure Statement being served Notice includes 25 day objection period
Objection to Disclosure Statement	Bankruptcy > Plan > Objection to Disclosure Statement	•	Refer to Disclosure Statement
Objection to Confirmation of Plan	Bankruptcy > Plan > Objection to Confirmation	•	Refer to Plan
Ballot Report	Bankruptcy > Misc > Computation & Ch. 11 Ballots		

Application for Final	Bankruptcy >	•	Note: clerk's office will enter Final
Decree	Motions/Application >		Decree and close case after this
	Final Decree & Final		document is filed
	Report		

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Chapter 12			
Document:	Select:	Notes:	
Motion to Convert Case to Chapter 7	Bankruptcy > Motion/Applications > Motion to Convert Case to 7	 Debtor conversion from Ch. 12 to 13 is automatic Motion to Convert is preferred as an order is issued 	
Chapter 12 Plan	Bankruptcy > Plan > Chapter 12 Plan	Satisfies Plan due date	
Liquidation Analysis	Bankruptcy > Plan > Liquidation Analysis	Refer to Plan	
Chapter 12 Amended Plan	Bankruptcy > Plan > Amended Plan	Refer to Plan	
Objection to Confirmation of Plan	Bankruptcy > Plan > Objection to Confirmation	Refer to Plan	

Chapter 13			
Document:	Select:	Notes:	
Voluntary Petition	Bankruptcy > Open BK Case	 If incomplete filing enter "y" at deficiencies Role Type: First party entered is "Debtor," second party entered is "Joint Debtor." Add any alias to each party Asset notice designation: Choose y (yes) When prompted for a receipt number enter "o" and mail payment to the court. 	
Upload Creditors Note: Creditors must be uploaded the same day the case is filed.	Bankruptcy > Creditor Maintenance > Upload Creditors	Creditor Matrix must be in .txt format	
Motion to Convert to Chapter 7	Bankruptcy > Motion> Motion to Convert Case to 7	When prompted for payment enter "o" and mail payment to the court.	
Chapter 13 Plan	Bankruptcy > Plan > Chapter 13 Plan		
Chapter 13 Amended Plan	Bankruptcy > Plan > Amended Chapter 13 Plan	Refer to Plan	
Objection to Confirmation of Plan	Bankruptcy > Plan > Objection to Confirmation of Plan	Refer to Plan	

Motions/Applications			
Document:	Select:	Notes:	
Motion/Application	Bankruptcy > Motions/Applications > select appropriate motion/application Note: If filing a Motion, Notice of Motion & Certificate of Service all three documents can be saved as one pdf. The motion should be the first document The Proposed Order should be sent to proposed_orders@ndb. uscourts.gov	 Select the most appropriate motion/application from the list. Add additional text in text box if necessary. Select party from list or Add/Create New Party The prompt Notice Included and Certificate included will appear. If you are filing these documents with the motion leave this file to the default of "y". If prompted for a receipt number enter "o" and mail payment to the court. 	
Notice of Motion/Application	Bankruptcy > Notices > Notice of Motion or Notice of Application Note: Use this event when the Notice is filed AFTER the motion or when the motion event didn't prompt for the last day to object.	 Refer to Motion/Application Enter last day to object when prompted 	

Affidavit in Support	Bankruptcy > Miscellaneous > Affidavit Note: May be added as an attachment when filing the Motion/Application/Obj ection. OR	Refer to Motion or related document
Affidavit by Attorney	Bankruptcy> Filed by Atty (Misc)> Affidavit	
Brief/Memorandum	Bankruptcy > Miscellaneous > Brief/	Refer to Motion or related document
Certificate of Service	Bankruptcy > Misc/Other> Certificate of Service OR	Refer to all documents sent (select multiple categories by holding down the <i>Ctrl</i> key and clicking on the categories in the list)
Certificate Filed By Attorney	Bankruptcy> Filed by Atty (Misc)> Certificate of Service	
Amended Motion/Application	Bankruptcy > Amended Document	Refer to original Motion/Application
Motion for Expedited Hearing	Bankruptcy>Motions/ Applications> Expediting Hearing	

Objections/Hearings			
Document:	Select: Notes:		
Objection to Motion/Application/ Document	Bankruptcy >Answer/Response > Reference an Existing Motion	 Select the party filer from list or Add/Create New Party Select Objection from drop down list Refer to Motion or related document 	
Notice of Hearing	Bankruptcy > Notices > Notice of Hearing	 Refer to Motion May only be used if a hearing date arrangement has been made with the Clerk's Office 	
Withdrawal of Document	Bankruptey > Miscellaneous > Withdrawal of Document	Refer to document being withdrawn, <i>e.g.</i> , motion, objection, etc.	
Stipulation	Bankruptcy > Misc/Other > Stipulation The Proposed Order should be sent to proposed_orders@ndb. uscourts.gov	 Do not check "Joint filing with another attorney(s)" Select the party that you represent Enter with whom in text box Refer to Motion or related document if applicable 	
Notice of Motion	Bankruptcy> Notices>Notice of Motion (20 day objection period)	Select party filerenter date servedRefer to motion	
Order		E-mail to court at proposed_orders@ndb. uscourts.gov	

Claims			
Document:	Select:	Notes:	
File Claim	Bankruptcy > File Claims DRA	 On Search for Creditor screen, enter case number and name of creditor for whom the proof of claim is being filed (optional); leave type as All creditors; click Next. If creditor appears on screen, select creditor and click Next; if creditor does not appear, click on Add Creditor and follow the prompts. On the Proof of Claim Information Screen, enter the following: Amends Claim # (if applicable) Duplicates Claim # (if applicable) Filed By: (select attorney) Late (select Yes or No) Amount Claimed Description (if necessary) Remarks (if necessary) 	

Objection to Claim	Bankruptcy > Claim Actions > Objection to Claim Note: The Objection to Claim, Affidavit, and Proof of Service may be a single PDF or the Notice, Affidavit, and Proof of Service may be added as an attachment to this event. The Objection to Claim must be the first document in your PDF.	 Enter Claim # when prompted Enter name of creditor in text box Docket each objection separately Court to set for hearing with a 30 day notice
Withdrawal of Claim	Bankruptcy > Claim Actions > Withdrawal of Claim	Enter Claim # when promptedAdd name of creditor in text box
Transfer Claim	Bankruptcy > Claim Actions > Transfer of Claim	 Select party from list or Add/Create New Party Enter transfer iniformation

Adversary			
Document:	Select:	Notes:	
Adversary Complaint	Adversary > Open an AP Case Note: Cover Sheet is not required. DRA	 Enter lead case (main bankruptcy case number) Enter Plaintiff(s) first (do not include address for plaintiff) Enter Attorney for Plaintiff Enter Defendants(s) but do NOT add attorney for Defendant(s) Enter statistical case information taken from the Adversary Cover Sheet Select only one nature of suit (If 727 objection to discharge, you must select 424 as the nature of suit) Enter demand to the nearest thousand, e.g., "5" for \$5,000 If prompted for a receipt number enter "o" and mail payment to the court. 	
Summons Service Executed	Adversary> Open Complaint & Summons> Summons Service Executed		
Answer	Adversary > Answers/ Complaint, 3 rd , Cross, Counter	 Select the party that you represent Check the box to make attorney/party association Refer to Complaint Check the appropriate box if this filing includes a third-party complaint, cross-claim, or counterclaim 	

Certificate of Service	Adversary > Miscellaneous > Certificate of Service	Refer to all documents sent (select multiple categories/events by holding down the <i>Ctrl</i> key and clicking on the categories/events in the list)
Withdrawal of Document	Adversary > Miscellaneous > Withdrawal of Document	 Refer to document being withdrawn When the withdrawal removes a hearing from the calendar, also note in text box that the matter can be removed from the calendar, <i>e.g.</i>, "(removes matter from Judge's calendar)"
Pre-Trial Documents	Adversary > Miscellaneous > Pretrial Documents	Refer to Complaint (or motion if applicable)
Brief/Memorandum	Adversary > Miscellaneous Events > Brief	Refer to Complaint (or motion if applicable)
Stipulation	Adversary> Misc/Other> Stipulation	 Refer to Complaint Enter with whom in text box When the Stipulation removes a hearing/trial from the calendar, also note in text box that the matter can be removed from the calendar, <i>e.g.</i>, "(removes matter from Judge's calendar)
Motion to Approve Stipulation	Adversary > Motions> Approving Stipulation	 Do not check "Joint Filing with another attorney(s)" Select the party that you represent Refer to Stipulation "

Stipulation to Dismiss Adversary	Adversary >Misc/Other> Stipulation The Proposed Order should be sent to proposed_orders@ndb. uscourts.gov	•	Do not check "Joint Filing with another attorney(s)" Select the party that you represent Refer to Complaint Enter with whom in text box When the Stipulation removes a hearing/trial from the calendar, also note in text box that the matter can be removed from the calendar, e.g., "(removes matter from Judge's calendar)"
Motion to Dismiss Adversary	Adversary> Motions> Dismiss Adversary	•	Refer to Complaint



Appeals			
Document:	Select:	Notes:	
Notice of Appeal	Bankruptcy> Appeal> Notice of Appeal - BAP or Bankruptcy > Appeal > Notice of Appeal and Election - District	 Refer to Order being appealed from Select attorney and party 	
Appellant Designation	Bankruptcy > Appeal > Appellant Designation	 Use if appeal is to US District Court Refer to Notice of Appeal Satisfies Appellant Designation due date Court requires that copies of documents to be included in the record be submitted conventionally 	
Appellee Designation	Bankruptcy > Appeal > Appellee Designation	 Use if appeal is to US District Court Refer to Notice of Appeal Satisfies Appellee Designation due date Court requires that copies of documents to be included in the record be submitted conventionally 	
Statement of Issues on Appeal	Bankruptcy > Appeal > Statement of Issues on Appeal	Refer to Notice of Appeal	
Request for Transcript	Bankruptcy > Appeal > Request for Transcript re: Appeal	Refer to Notice of Appeal	

Involuntary		
Document:	Select:	Notes:
Involuntary Petition		MUST BE FILED CONVENTIONALLY UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE.

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Utilities/Reports		
Document:	Select:	Notes:
Change Password	Utilities > Maintain Your ECF Account	Scroll down to bottom of screen Click on <i>More user information</i> at the bottom of the screen. After changing your password, click on <i>Return to Account Screen</i> then click <i>Submit</i> and <i>Submit</i> to record changes
Change Email information	Utilities > Maintain Your ECF Account DRA	Click on Email information. After changing the e-mail address, click on Return to Account Screen thenclick Submit and Submit to record changes. VERY IMPORTANT - E-mail addresses must be kept current
View Your Transaction Log	Utilities > View Your Transaction Log	Enter start date and end dateClick Submit
Electronic/Manual Noticing Information for List of Parties on a Case	Utilities>Mailings	Click on Mailing Info for case
Creditor Mailing Matrix	Reports > Creditor Mailing Matrix or Utilities > Mailings> Creditor Mailing Matrix	 The 1-column file can be saved as a text file on your computer with the File/Save As browser option. The saved file can then be edited and printed on labels or cut and paste option can be used. For this and other reports, the user may be prompted for a PACER Login. Check the box "make this my default PACER login" so the user will only have to login once per session.

Docket Report	Reports > Docket Report	•	Enter case number Select criteria for generating the report Click <i>Run Report</i>
Claims Register	Reports > Claims Register	•	Enter case number Click <i>Run Report</i>
Cases Report	Reports > Cases	•	Select criteria for generating the report (select multiple categories by holding down the <i>Ctrl</i> key and clicking on the categories in the list) Click <i>Run Report</i>
341 Meeting Calendar	Reports > Deadlines/Hearings/3 41 Calendars > Select 341 Meeting from Deadline/Hearing list	F	Select criteria for generating the report (select multiple categories by holding down the <i>Ctrl</i> key and –clicking on the categories in the list) Click <i>Run Report</i>
Judge's Calendar	Reports > Calendar Events > Select All hearings from Calendar Event list	•	Select criteria for generating the report (select multiple categories by holding down the <i>Ctrl</i> key and clicking on the categories in the list) Click <i>Run Report</i>

Help			
Screen:	Instructions for Attorneys and Trustees:		
Add Party	 Search for the party. a. Begin by searching to see whether the party is already in the database. b. To search, enter the party's Social Security number or Tax ID, or all or part of the last or business name, and click the <i>Search</i> button. Select a party already in the database or add a new one. a. If the party is already in the database, highlight the name 		
	on the party list, and click the <i>Select name from list</i> button. b. To add a new party to the database, click the <i>Create new party</i> button. In either instance, the <i>Party Information</i> screen will be displayed.		
	3. Enter the information about the party. a. For a party already in the database, fill in the party role and pro se fields, and enter party text if needed. (Party text appears after the party's name on the cover sheet of the docket, e.g., ABC Corporation, a subsidiary of XYZ International.) To change address information just for this case for a party already in the database, type over the existing address information.		
	 b. For a new party, fill in the name, address, party role, and pro se fields, and enter party text if needed. 4. Click <i>Submit</i> only after all attorneys and aliases have been added. a. If the case being opened is a joint petition, the search screen will be displayed for the joint debtor, with a check box to copy the first debtor's address information. b. If the case being opened is an adversary proceeding, or 		
	if a party is being added after the case has been opened, the search screen will be displayed for the next party. When the last party has been added, click the <i>End party selection</i> button.		

The following attorney/party associations do not exist	If you see not exist for created for were not person on selection. party/attor check this

If you see these words: "The following attorney/party associations do not exist for this case. Please check which associations should be created for this case," you have selected an attorney and a party who were not previously associated. You may have checked the wrong person on the party list. If so, use the *Back* button to change the selection. If your selection was correct, check the box for each new party/attorney combination that should be established. Trustees will not check this box unless they have been employed as attorney for Trustee.

Select the PDF document

Click on the *Browse* button to search for the correct document. The file must be in pdf format. To make certain that it is the correct PDF file for this entry, right-click on the file name and select **open**.

- If the filing does not have attachments, click *next* to continue.
- If the filing has attachment(s), *e.g.*, financing papers, exhibits, supporting documents, etc., click *Yes* for "Attachments to Document." Click *Next* to see the attachments screen.
 - 1. Enter the PDF document that contains the attachment.

 Click on the *Browse* button to search for the right document and select. Remember the file must be in pdf format. To make certainthe file is the correct PDF file for the entry, right-click on the file name and select **open**.

If the filing has more attachments, first continue labeling this attachment following the instructions below.

- 2. Select a document type or enter a description.

 Press the down arrow to the right of the *Type* box, a list of available attachment types. Select the type by highlighting it or type a short description of the attachment.
- 3. Add the filename to the list box below.

Add the attachment to this list by clicking the *Add to List* button. For more attachments, go back to Step 1 and continue until all the attachments are on this list.

Refer to existing Check the box to relate this event to an earlier event in this case. Two event(s)? more screens may display after the box is checked: Please select the category...: A list of event categories is displayed. Select one or more categories from the list by highlighting the appropriate categories and click Next. A list of all the docket entries in those categories is shown. *Include*: Check the box for each docket entry that should relate to the current filing. Click *Next*. Notice of Electronic The Notice of Electronic Filing is the verification that the filing has been Filing sent electronically to the court's database. It certifies that this is now an official court document. Clicking on the case number hyperlink will present the docket report for this case. Note that you will be prompted for your PACER login and password. Users must be registered with the PACER system to have a login and password. Clicking on the document number hyperlink will present the PDF image of the document just filed. Note that you will be prompted for your PACER login and password. Note: To get your free look, you must click on the document number hyperlink from the Notice of Electronic Filing that you receive via e-mail...not the Notice of Electronic Filing that you see at the conclusion of the filing process. Scroll down to see participants who have or have not registered for electronic noticing on this case. To print a copy of this notice, click the browser *Print* icon. To save a copy of this notice, click *File* on the browser menu bar and select Save Frame As.